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(57) Abstract: The present inventors have discovered that the presence of antibodies reactive with residues 94-117 of the PreS1 component of the hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) in an individual with HBV infection correlates closely with the effectiveness of interferon (IFN) in treating the individual. Methods and means based on this finding are provided herein.